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No.F.1-24/47-D.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

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NEW DELHI, the 11th July, 1947.

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From

G.A.Madani, Esquire, I.C.S.,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education and Public Health Department, Madras.

Sir,

Subject:- Definition of the term 'registered medical practitioner' under Drugs Rules, 1945.

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I am directed to refer to paragraph 3 of this Department's letter No.F.1-3/47-D, dated the 2nd May, 1947, and to say that the question has been raised as to what is meant by the term 'registered medical practitioner' in the Drugs Rules, 1945. In the absence of a specific definition the term will clearly include any person registered in a Provincial medical register under any Act regulating registration of medical ~~registrar~~ practitioners. In some Provinces only practitioners of the modern scientific system of medicine are registered, but in other Provinces practitioners of the indigenous systems of medicine, namely, Ayurveda and Unani, are also registered. Under section 3(b) of the Drugs Act, medicines and substances exclusively used or prepared for use in accordance with the Ayurvedic or Unani systems of medicine are not included in the definition of drugs. The Drugs Act and Rules therefore do not apply to medicines used exclusively in accordance with the Ayurvedic or Unani systems of medicine. But this does not affect the interpretation of the expression "registered medical practitioner" as used in the rules and there is no doubt that in the absence of a specific definition, the reference to a registered medical practitioner in e.g. sub-rule (9) of rule 65 will embrace a practitioner of the Indian system of medicines whose name is for the time being entered in the register maintained under e.g. Part II of Bombay Act XXVI of 1936. I am to enquire whether in the view of the Provincial Government the term "registered medical practitioner" should be defined in the Drugs Rules and if so, whether the definition should be restricted to those registered medical practitioners practising the modern system of medicine. The Drugs Technical Advisory Board will be consulted after the views of the Provincial Government are received.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sd/- x x
DEPUTY SECRETARY.

P.T.O.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
EDUCATION & PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.
Lr.No.3872 P.H.

From

The Secretary to Government.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Health, NEW DELHI.

Dated, Fort St. George, the 26th November 1947.

Sir,

Sub: Definition of, the term 'Registered Medical Practitioner' under Drugs Rules, 1945.

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With reference to Mr. Madani's letter No.F.1-24/47-D, dated 11th July 1947, I am directed to say that this Government are of opinion that the term 'registered medical practitioner' should be defined in the Drugs Rules and that the definition should not be restricted to those registered medical practitioners practising the modern system of medicine above, but should also be include 'A' class practitioners of Indian medicine as classified in this Province, as they are given a special course in allopathic medicine.

I am also to state that this Government are agreeable to the Drugs Technical Advisory Board being consulted in the matter. The views of the Board are awaited.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- x x x

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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